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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1, canceled claims 2-4 without prejudice and added new claim 5. Applicant respectfully submits that these amendments to the claims are supported by the application as originally filed and do not contain any new matter. Accordingly, the Office Action will be discussed in terms of the claims as amended.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Cromer et al., stating that Cromer et al. discloses each and every element of the present invention and particularly discloses a multichannel reproducing apparatus in which audio signals from a plurality of channels are processed and processed audio signals of said plurality of channels are supplied to and reproduced on loudspeakers respectively disposed for each one of said plurality of channels, and includes a loud speaker drive section, test tone generating section, transmission time measuring section, and a loudspeaker position calculating section.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Cromer et al. and respectfully submits that in Cromer et al. is utilized a remote control 16 to generate a test signal which is received by the various speakers. As is shown in Fig. 3 of Cromer et al., the remote control 16 is not provided at the various speakers and is instead provided in the middle. In addition, the test tone is not generated by one of the speakers. In contrast thereto, in Applicant's invention the test tone signal is applied to one of the loudspeakers and there is no separate remote control as is required by Cromer et al.

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Cromer et al. does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1 and 5 are not anticipated by Cromer et al.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Cohen et al., stating that Cohen et al. discloses all of the present invention as claimed and particularly discloses a multichannel reproducing apparatus in which audio signals from a plurality of channels are processed and processed audio signals of said plurality of channels are supplied to and reproduced on loudspeakers respectively disposed for each one of said plurality of channels, and includes a loudspeaker drive section, a test tone generating section, a transmission time measuring section and a loudspeaker position calculating section.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Cohen et al. and respectfully submits that in Cohen et al. the speakers are not used to receive the test tone. Instead, in the

measurement mode, each one of the speakers generate a short sound which is received by microphones 28-31 in the remote sensor 27 which has been positioned at the point where the "sound sweet spot" is desired (see col. 5 of Cohen et al.).

In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Cohen et al. does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention as claimed and claims 1 and 5 are not anticipated thereby.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Halgas et al., stating that Halgas et al. discloses each and every element of Applicant's invention and particularly discloses a multichannel reproducing apparatus in which audio signals from a plurality of channels are processed and processed audio signals of said plurality of channels are supplied to and reproduced on loudspeakers respectively disposed for each one of said plurality of channels, and includes a loudspeaker drive section, a test tone generating section, a transmission time measuring section and a loudspeaker position calculating section.

In reply thereto, Applicant has carefully reviewed Halgas et al. and respectfully submits that as is shown in Fig. 2 and described in paragraphs 0023-0025, Halgas et al. uses a plurality of RFID tags with one each of these RFID's provided with a speaker in order to calculate the position of the speaker. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that there is no test tone generated, the test tone is not supplied to one of the loudspeakers and the loudspeakers themselves do not receive the test tone.

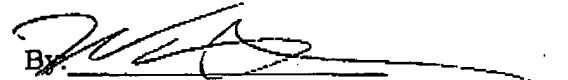
In view of the above, therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Halgas et al. does not disclose each and every element of Applicant's invention and claims 1 and 5 are not anticipated thereby.

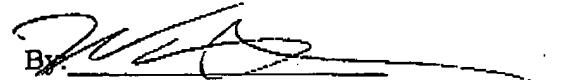
In view of the above, therefore, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered, favorably considered and the case passed to issue.

Please charge any additional costs incurred by or in order to implement this Amendment or required by any requests for extensions of time to KODA & ANDROLIA DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 11-1445.

Respectfully submitted,

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